



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-659-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: Jing

Serial No.: 09/995,515

Filed: November 28, 2001

For: Transforming Growth  
Factor-Beta-Related Molecules  
and Uses Thereof

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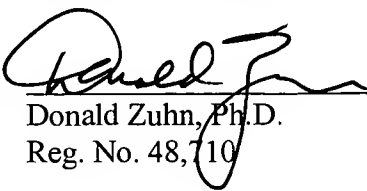
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-identified application:  
Copy of Notice of Omitted Parts in a Nonprovisional Application, Response to Notice of Omitted Parts, copy of Preliminary Amendment, Second Preliminary Amendment, and postcard.
2. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES: Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
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Respectfully submitted,  
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Re: Applicant - Shuqian Jing

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**TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR-BETA-RELATED MOLECULES AND USES  
THEREOF**

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Please place the Patent Office receipt stamp hereon and mail to acknowledge receipt of:

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## NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) **1a,1b** described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.


II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (*i.e.*, the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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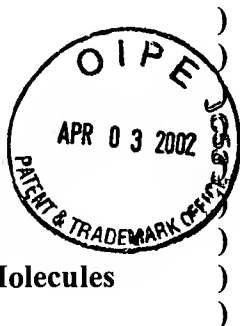
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED PARTS  
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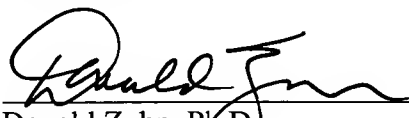
Responsive to the Notice of Omitted Parts in a Nonprovisional Application, mailed March 20, 2002, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Preliminary Amendment, previously submitted on February 14, 2002, in which the inadvertent reference in the specification to "Figures 1A-1B" was deleted. Applicants further submit a Second Preliminary Amendment that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b).

Applicants do not believe any additional fee is required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. If the Examiner believes it to be helpful, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

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